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REF: (A) USUN 00606, (B) KUWAIT 0786 AND PREVIOUS,

1. IN RESPONSE PARA 14 REFTTEL ECON CHIEF CALLED ON KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, NAJEEB AL-RIFA'I. RAFA'I SAID THE MINISTRY HAD NOT RECEIVED A FINAL REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY 13-17 MEETING, THE LATEST REPORT BEING A POUCHED ONE FROM ITS MISSION TO THE UN DATED FEB 12. HE APPRECIATED EMBOFF'S BRIEFING ON RESULTS OF THE MEETING AND SAID THAT MINISTRY HAD FOUND OUR AIDE MEMOIRE ON US VIEWS OF UN OVERVIEW MECHANISM EXTREMELY USEFUL AND BASICALLY THOUGHT THE U.S. APPROACH WAS CONSTRUCTIVE. HE NOTED THAT KUWAIT UN MISSION'S REPORT ON THE OVERVIEW DISCUSSIONS INDICATED A G-77 CONSENSUS THAT A SMALL BUREAU MADE SENSE AND THAT LONG SPEECHES AND VOTING OF RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. GIVEN FAILURE OF PARIS CIEC DISCUSSIONS, KUWAIT FELT THAT SETTING UP OF UN OVERVIEW MECHANISM WAS DEFINITELY A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. IT MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENSE, RIFA'I FELT, TO "GET NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE BACK INTO THE UN MECHANISM WHERE IT BELONGS".

2. RIFA'I ADDED THAT UN OVERVIEW MECHANISM WOULD SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE IF IT EFFECTIVELY RELATED DISCUSSIONS OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC ISSUES GOING ON IN SEPARATE UN BODIES AND GOT DOWN TO USEFUL ISSUES RATHER THAN DRAGGING ON IN

GENERALITIES. HE INDICATED THAT ONE ISSUE LIKELY TO BE OF INTEREST TO KUWAIT IN EITHER THE FIRST OR SECOND SUBSTANTIVE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WOULD BE THE QUESTION OF THE COMMON FUND.

3. COMMENT: DIALOGUE WE ARE HAVING WITH KUWAITIS ON UN OVERVIEW MECHANISM AND NORTH/SOUTH ISSUE IS USEFUL. THEY APPRECIATE BRIEFING WE GIVE THEM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEIR REPORTS FROM THE UN APPARENTLY MOSTLY COME BY POUCH. THEY SEEM RECEPTIVE TO US VIEWS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING IF KUWAIT UN MISSION OFFICIALS ARE EQUALLY SO. MAESTRONE

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